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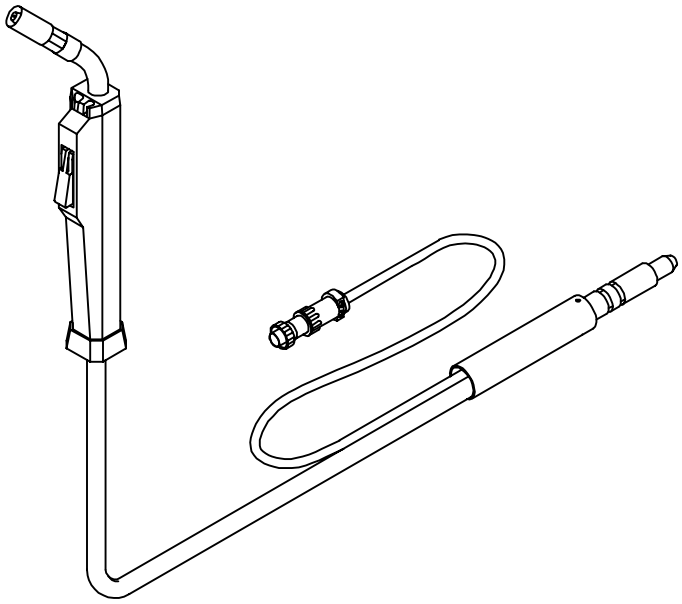
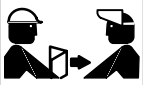
OWNER'S MANUAL



GA-17C

- Air-Cooled Gun For GMAW Welding
- Rated At 170 Amperes, 60% Duty Cycle Using CO_2 Shielding Gas
- Feeds .023 Thru .035 in (0.6 Thru 0.9 mm) Hard Or Flux Cored Wires

- Read and follow these instructions and all safety blocks carefully.
- Have only trained and qualified persons install, operate, or service this unit.
- Call your distributor if you do not understand the directions.



- Give this manual to the operator.

- For help, call your distributor
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SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR GMAW GUNS

⚠ WARNING

GMAW WELDING can be hazardous.

PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM POSSIBLE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH. KEEP CHILDREN AWAY. PACEMAKER WEARERS KEEP AWAY UNTIL CONSULTING YOUR DOCTOR.

In welding, as in most jobs, exposure to certain hazards occurs. Welding is safe when precautions are taken. The safety information given below is only a summary of the more complete safety information found in the wire feeder and welding power source Owner's Manuals. Read and follow all safety precautions.

HAVE ALL INSTALLATION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR WORK PERFORMED ONLY BY QUALIFIED PEOPLE.

ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.

1. Always wear dry insulating gloves.
2. Insulate yourself from work and ground.
3. Do not touch live electrode or electrical parts.
4. Repair or replace worn, damaged, or cracked gun or cable insulation.
5. Turn off welding power source before changing contact tip or gun parts.
6. Keep all covers and handle securely in place.

FUMES AND GASES can be hazardous to your health.

1. Keep your head out of the fumes.
2. Ventilate area, or use breathing device.
3. Read Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) and manufacturer's instructions for material used.

WELDING can cause fire or explosion.

1. Do not weld near flammable material.
2. Do not weld on closed containers.
3. Watch for fire; keep extinguisher nearby.

ARC RAYS can burn eyes and skin.

1. Wear welding helmet with correct shade of filter.
2. Wear correct eye and body protection.
3. Cover exposed skin with spatter-resistant clothing.

HOT SURFACES can burn skin.

1. Allow gun to cool before touching.
2. Do not touch hot metal.
3. Protect hot metal from contact by others.

NOISE can damage hearing; SOME APPLICATIONS, SUCH AS PULSING, are noisy.

1. Check for noise level limits exceeding those specified by OSHA.
2. Use approved ear plugs or ear muffs if noise level is high.
3. Warn others nearby about noise hazard.

WELDING WIRE can cause puncture wounds.

1. Keep hands and body away from gun tip when trigger is pressed.

EMF INFORMATION

NOTE ☞

Considerations About Welding And The Effects Of Low Frequency Electric And Magnetic Fields

The following is a quotation from the General Conclusions Section of the U.S. Congress, Office of Technology Assessment, *Biological Effects of Power Frequency Electric & Magnetic Fields – Background Paper*, OTA-BP-E-53 (Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, May 1989): ". . . there is now a very large volume of scientific findings based on experiments at the cellular level and from studies with animals and people which clearly establish that low frequency magnetic fields can interact with, and produce changes in, biological systems. While most of this work is of very high quality, the results are complex. Current scientific understanding does not yet allow us to interpret the evidence in a single coherent framework. Even more frustrating, it does not yet allow us to draw definite conclusions about questions of possible risk or to offer clear science-based advice on strategies to minimize or avoid potential risks."

To reduce magnetic fields in the workplace, use the following procedures:

1. Keep cables close together by twisting or taping them.
2. Arrange cables to one side and away from the operator.
3. Do not coil or drape cables around the body.
4. Keep welding power source and cables as far away as practical.
5. Connect work clamp to workpiece as close to the weld as possible.

About Pacemakers:

The above procedures are among those also normally recommended for pacemaker wearers. Consult your doctor for complete information.

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SECTION 1 – SAFETY INFORMATION

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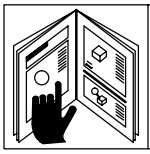
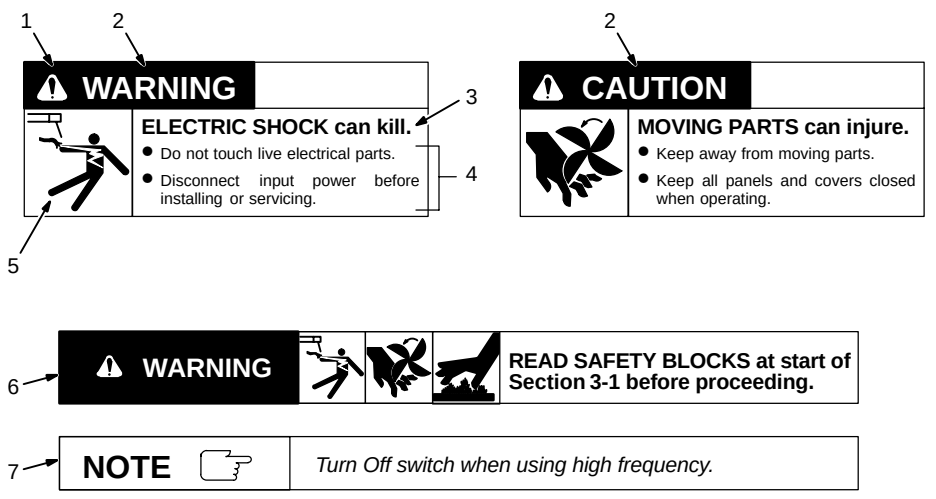


- Read all safety messages throughout this manual.
- Obey all safety messages to avoid injury.
- Learn the meaning of WARNING and CAUTION.



1 Safety Alert Symbol

2 Signal Word

WARNING means possible death or serious injury can happen.

CAUTION means possible minor injury or equipment damage can happen.

3 Statement Of Hazard And Result

4 Safety Instructions To Avoid Hazard

5 Hazard Symbol (If Available)

6 Safety Banner

Read safety blocks for each symbol shown.

7 NOTE

Special instructions for best operation – not related to safety.

Figure 1-1. Safety Information

SECTION 2 – SPECIFICATIONS

Table 2-1. Welding Gun

Specifications	Description
Rated Output	170 Amperes Using CO_2 Shielding Gas – Air-Cooled
Duty Cycle	See Figure 2-1
Wire Diameter	.023 Thru .035 in (0.6 Thru 0.9 mm) Hard Or Flux Cored Wires
Weight	10 ft Gun – Net: 3.5 lb (1.6 kg); Ship: 6 lb (2.7 kg) 12 ft Gun – Net: 4 lb (1.8 kg); Ship: 6.5 lb (3 kg) 15 ft Gun – Net: 4.5 lb (2 kg); Ship: 7 lb (3.2 kg)

⚠ CAUTION

USING GUN BEYOND DUTY CYCLE RATING can damage gun and void warranty.

- Do not use gun beyond 170 amperes at 60% duty cycle when using CO_2 shielding gas.
- Use gun at 30% duty cycle when using mixed shielding gas.

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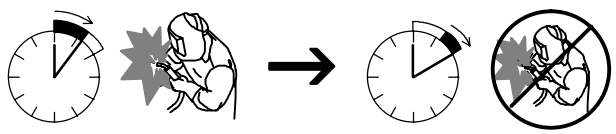
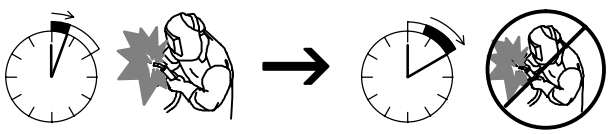
Definition: Duty Cycle is percentage of 10 minutes that gun can weld at rated load without overheating.

Gun Duty Cycle Using CO_2 Gas: 60%



6 Minutes Welding — 4 Minutes Resting

Gun Duty Cycle Using Mixed Gases: 30%



3 Minutes Welding — 7 Minutes Resting

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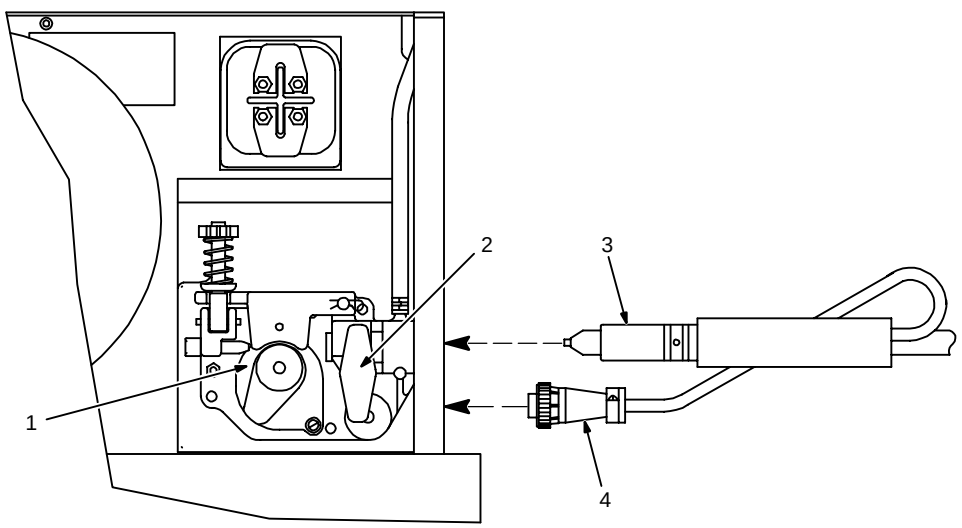
Figure 2-1. Duty Cycle

SECTION 3 – INSTALLATION

3-1. Preparing And Installing Gun



1 Drive Assembly

2 Gun Securing Knob

3 Gun End

Loosen securing knob. Insert gun end through opening until it bottoms against drive assembly. Tighten knob.

4 Gun Trigger Plug

Insert into receptacle and tighten threaded collar.

Close door.

See wire feeder manual for threading procedure.

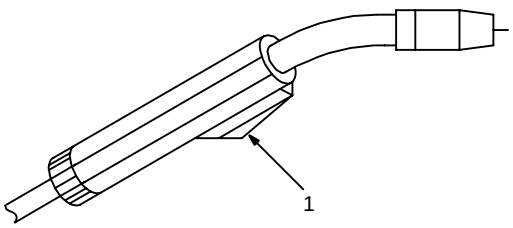
Ref. ST-149 629-C

Figure 3-1. Installing Gun

SECTION 4 – OPERATION

⚠ WARNING **READ SAFETY BLOCKS at beginning of manual before proceeding.**

4-1. Operating The Gun



1 Trigger Switch

When pressed, energized wire feeds and shielding gas flows.

Ref. ST-150 093

Figure 4-1. Using Gun Switch

SECTION 5 – MAINTENANCE & TROUBLESHOOTING

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5-1. Maintenance And Troubleshooting

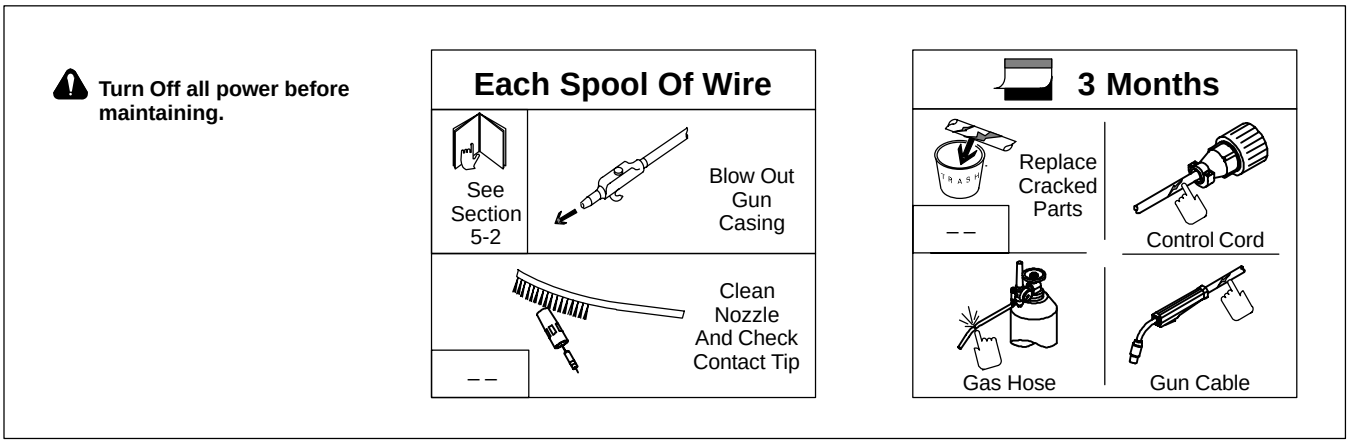

Figure 5-1. Routine Maintenance

Table 5-1. Troubleshooting

Trouble	Remedy
Wire does not feed.	Check contact tip. Check for kinks in gun cable. Check trigger connection at welding power source/wire feeder. Have nearest Factory Authorized Service Station/Service Distributor check gun trigger switch.
Wire is not energized.	Check contact tip. Check trigger connection at welding power source/wire feeder. Have nearest Factory Authorized Service Station/Service Distributor check gun trigger switch.
Wire feeds unevenly.	Check contact tip. Check for kinks in gun cable. Blow out liner and gun casing.

5-2. Changing Contact Tip And Liner

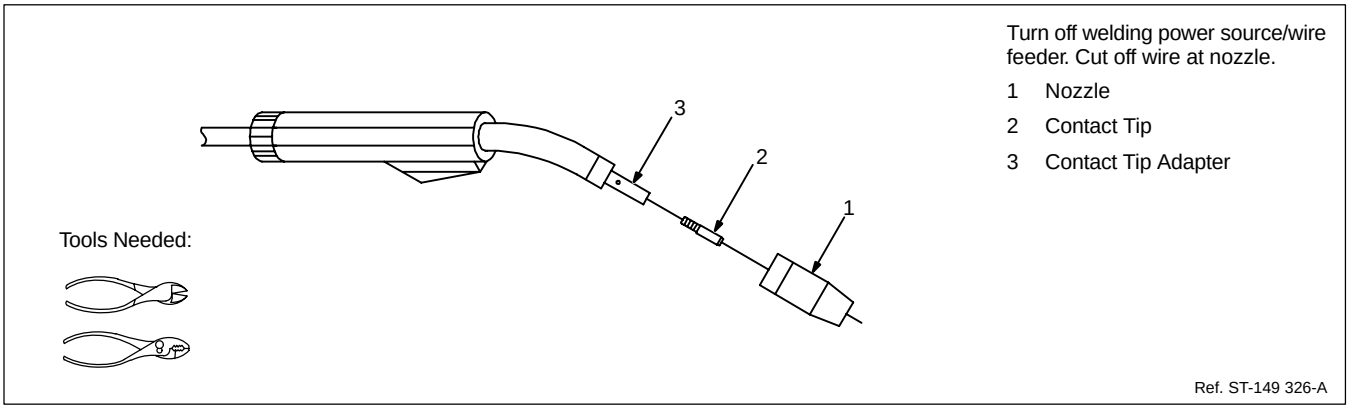

Figure 5-2. Changing Contact Tip

⚠ CAUTION

FLYING METAL CHIPS AND DIRT can cause injury and damage equipment.

- Point gun away from people and in a safe direction when blowing out with compressed air.

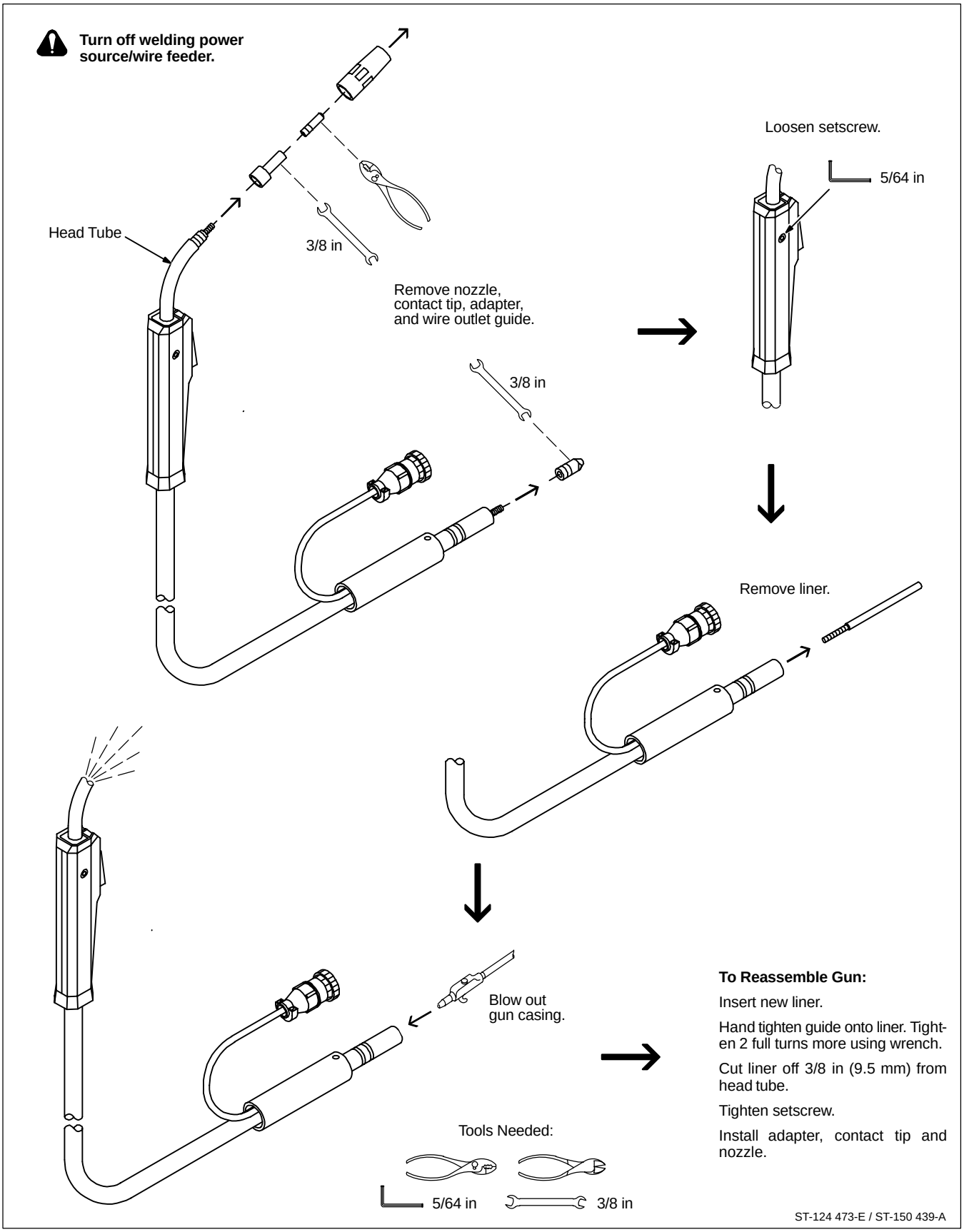
Turn off welding power source/wire feeder.
Head Tube
3/8 in
Remove nozzle, contact tip, adapter, and wire outlet guide.
3/8 in
Loosen setscrew.
5/64 in
Remove liner.
Blow out gun casing.
Tools Needed:
5/64 in
3/8 in
To Reassemble Gun:
Insert new liner.
Hand tighten guide onto liner. Tighten 2 full turns more using wrench.
Cut liner off 3/8 in (9.5 mm) from head tube.
Tighten setscrew.
Install adapter, contact tip and nozzle.
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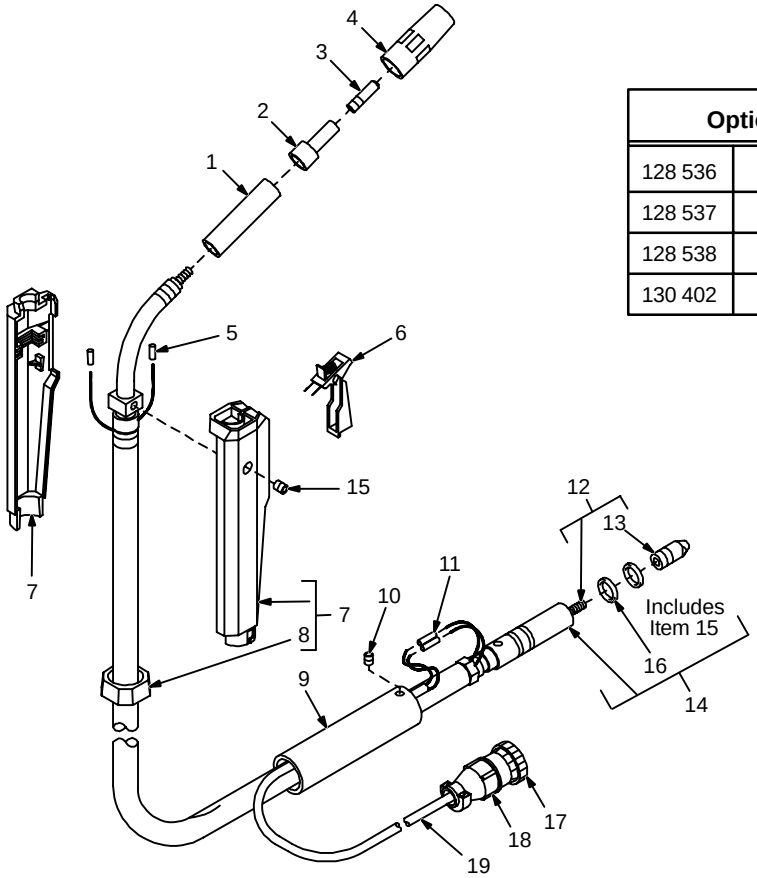
Figure 5-3. Changing Liner

SECTION 6 – PARTS LIST

Item No.	Part No.	Description	Quantity
		Figure 6-1. GA-17C Gun	
1	089 885	TUBING, nprn .375 ID x .062 wall (order by ft)	1ft
2	118 267	ADAPTER, contact tube	1
3	087 299	TUBE, cont scr .023 wire x 1.125	2
3	000 067	TUBE, cont scr .030 wire x 1.125	2
3	000 068	TUBE, cont scr .035 wire x 1.125	2
4	128 535	NOZZLE, slip type .545 orf	1
5	089 902	TERMINAL, rcpt skt 20-24 wire insulated	2
6	120 164	TRIGGER, switch assembly	1
7	124 697	HANDLE, gun (consisting of)	1
8	128 758	RING, locking	1
9	133 147	STRAIN RELIEF, cable	1
10	602 173	SCREW, set stl sch 10-32 x .250 cup point	1
11	073 984	SPLICE, butt 22-16 wire plasti-grip	2
12	129 178	KIT, liner monocoil .023/.025 wire (consisting of)	1
13	128 769	GUIDE, wire outlet .023 wire	1
12	129 179	KIT, liner monocoil .030-.035 wire (consisting of)	1
13	120 995	GUIDE, wire outlet .030-.045 wire	1
14	152 691	CABLE/CONDUIT, 10ft (consisting of)	1
14	152 692	CABLE/CONDUIT, 12ft (consisting of)	1
14	152 690	CABLE/CONDUIT, 15ft (consisting of)	1
15	154 731	SCREW, set stl sch 10-24 x .312 cup point	1
16	079 974	O-RING, .500 ID x .103CS rbr	2
17	079 878	HOUSING PLUG & PINS, (consisting of)	1
	079 535	TERMINAL, male 1 pin 18-14 wire	4
18	048 834	CLAMP, cable strain relief sz 11 .329 max cable OD	1
19	604 525	CABLE, port No. 18 2/c (order by ft)	2ft



Optional Nozzles	
128 536	Spot, inside corner
128 537	Spot, outside corner
128 538	Spot, stud
130 402	Spot, flat

Ref. SC-124 605-G

Figure 6-1. GA-17C Gun

BE SURE TO PROVIDE MODEL AND SERIAL NUMBER WHEN ORDERING REPLACEMENT PARTS.

Notes

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1. 5 Years Parts – 3 Years Labor
   * Original main power rectifiers
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2. 3 Years — Parts and Labor
   * Transformer/Rectifier Power Sources
   * Plasma Arc Cutting Power Sources
   * Semi-Automatic and Automatic Wire Feeders
   * Inverter Power Supplies
   * Intellitig
   * Engine Driven Welding Generators **(NOTE: Engines are warranted separately by the engine manufacturer.)**
3. 1 Year — Parts and Labor
   * DS-2 Wire Feeder
   * Motor Driven Guns (w/exception of Spoolmate 185 & Spoolmate 250)
   * Process Controllers
   * Positioners and Controllers
   * Automatic Motion Devices
   * RFCS Foot Controls
   * Induction Heating Power Sources
   * Water Coolant Systems
   * HF Units
   * Grids
   * Maxstar 140
   * Spot Welders
   * Load Banks
   * Miller Cyclomatic Equipment
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   * Plasma Cutting Torches (except APT & SAF Models)
   * Field Options
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   * Spoolmate 185 & Spoolmate 250
   * Canvas Covers

Miller's True Blue® Limited Warranty shall not apply to:

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2. Items furnished by Miller, but manufactured by others, such as engines or trade accessories. These items are covered by the manufacturer's warranty, if any.
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